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the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUALLY AND AUTOMATICALLY PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES" in the foregoing specification and claims.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

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Sir:

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FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned do hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Semitool, Inc. (the "Assignee"), a corporation of Montana, having a place of business at 655 West Reserve Drive, Kalispell, Montana 59901, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which has been executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith and is entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUALLY AND AUTOMATICALLY PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES"; such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications

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WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT that, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements and for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee;

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